

FIRES IN SANTIAM SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Only Two New Blazes Reported During Day.

WIND MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Forest Supervisor Telephones Warnings to All Stations to Use Extra Precautions.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Except that two new small fires were reported the forest fire situation in the Santiam national forest improved today. None of the fires are serious now. There was a high east wind today, however, and this may cause trouble.

Forest Supervisor Hall this afternoon telephoned warnings to all stations to use extra precautions because of this wind.

One of the new fires is near Lake Jörn, between Marion lake and Mount Three Fingers, near the divide. The other is near Quartzville. Both are small yet, but both are in green timber.

The two new fires make a total of nine fires now burning, but none is making serious progress. The fire which started Tuesday on the headwaters of the Santiam river, the one at Little Meadows and that near Jefferson Park are reported practically out. The fire which started yesterday on Canyon creek, near Cascade, and the one in the southwest corner of the forest are burning yet but very slowly.

The big fire on the headwaters of Blue river has been conquered and most of the fire fighters who were there are coming out, leaving only a patrol. The other big fire, at Duffy Prairie, has also been controlled to the extent that some of the fire fighters there have been withdrawn and are being sent to combat the new fire near Lake Jörn.

FIRES SPREADING IN IDAHO

Work of Weeks of Fighters in Big Area Has Been Nullified.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 19.—Heavy winds in northern Idaho and western Montana have spread the many forest fires in that region over large areas, nullifying the work of weeks of fire-fighting crews, it was said at district forest service headquarters here today.

The effects of the gale, it was stated, have been felt most severely in the Selway, Kamikau and St. Joe forest of Idaho and the Flathead forest of Montana.

Blazing over 4000 acres of timber, the Otter creek fire in the Selway forest has developed into the most dangerous conflagration in the district, forest service reports indicated, and has driven the smoke-grimed fire-fighters back to safety.

With three new fires burning in the Kamikau forest, and four large ones which have been spreading the last few days still uncontrolled, the situation is regarded as very critical in that region.

FIRE RACING INTO TIMBER

Rich Belt in California Threatened. Fire Fighters Called.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Towns as far away as Stockton, 75 miles distant, were called on today for fire fighters to check a fire that in the Stanislaus national forest had burned over between 10,000 and 12,000 acres. Today the fire spread out into four distinct forks and it is racing toward the rich timber belt of the state.

Another fire had swept over 25,000 acres in the Mill creek district of the Lassen national forest, and a third, uncontrolled, was sweeping up Moffat creek near the Klamath national forest.

The Mill creek fire was so vast that it took an airplane 30 minutes to circle it. It was reported checked on all sides but the east. An airplane in contact with the ground through a portable wireless set is directing the fire fighters.

The other fires of the Lassen forest at Lost creek, McElroy trail and Cornes lake were said to be under control today, while at either at Tamara, in the same forest, had been subdued.

The Soda creek fire in the Shasta national forest, which was expected yesterday to burn for five days, was under control today.

Visibility for airplanes in the fire area was improving today, it was reported, and the airplanes were doing good work in directing the fire fighters.

MANY HOMELESS FROM FIRE

One Man Reported Killed in Big Blaze on North Thompson River.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., Aug. 19.—A relief train, bearing injured and refugees from a vast forest fire along the North Thompson river northeast of here arrived at Kamloops today. Passengers brought word of the death of Frank Smith, a rancher, drowned while attempting to escape from the flames, burning of a number of ranches, and property, estimated at more than \$100,000. Many persons have been made homeless.

The train, with a doctor and seven nurses, was sent out from Kamloops Wednesday morning. Another special was sent from Blue River to rescue refugees in the northern fire area. According to the refugees a number of ranches in the parish of the fire have been wiped out. The fires are along the route of the Canada National railway.

VALUABLE TIMBER DESTROYED

Fire at McCoy Butte Controlled After Burning Over 150 Acres.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—After destroying about 150 acres of valuable timber on McCoy Butte in the Whitney district, the forest fire reported last week has been placed under control, according to a report made by Ward Holden, warden for the Baker County fire association. Another blaze covering about 100 acres in Cutter gulch on Burnt river in the Dooley mountain district was reported and seven men have been dispatched to combat the conflagration. A small blaze on Black mountain near McEwen has been reported by the ranger in that district but the blaze has been extinguished.

PATROL SIGHTS EIGHT FIRES

Pilot Reports Blazes to Local Bureau in Last Two Days.

Eight forest fires which have sprung up in the northwestern part

of the state within the last two days were reported to the local forest service bureau yesterday by J. L. Walker, pilot of one of the bureau's fire patrol airplanes flying between Eugene and Portland.

Accompanied by his mechanic, J. J. Jacobson, Mr. Walker made the trip from Eugene to Portland yesterday morning and on the trip sighted only one blaze, that being east of Larch mountain. On the return trip to Eugene he swung his machine to the west and along the coast line where fires were sighted. These were reported to the local office by radio. The forest fires were reported to be located at the following places: In Columbia county near Scappoose; two in Tillamook county, one near the small town of Rector and the other near Tillamook; one on the Willamina river in Yamhill county north-east of Grand Ronde; two in the southern part of the Sluslaw national forest, one on Grass mountain and the other on Table mountain, and one just southeast of Devil's lake.

The patrol planes usually travel at an altitude of from 800 to 1000 feet but the hazy atmosphere and smoke from the burning timber yesterday compelled Mr. Walker and his mechanic to keep to a height of over 1700 feet in order to observe the fires.

BANK AUDIT IS DELAYED

LAX BOOKKEEPING METHODS FOUND AT JACKSONVILLE.

Examiner Bennett Declares Financial Condition Will Not Be Known for Ten Days.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Because of the apparent lax bookkeeping methods practiced by the officials of the bank of Jacksonville during a few years preceding the closing of the institution, it will be a week or 10 days before the financial condition of the depository will be determined, according to Will P. Bennett, state bank examiner, who arrived here today from the southern Oregon city. Marshall Hooper, a state bank examiner, was put in charge of the defunct institution and the work of checking over the accounts was progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Bennett refused to intimate today the amount of money involved, nor would he make public the names of any of the depositors who were destined to lose through their dealings with the institution.

He said he was eager to complete his investigation as quickly as possible in order to determine whether any person was criminally liable for the failure. President Johnson of the bank was lodged in jail at Jacksonville as a result of inability to furnish \$50,000 bonds.

Mr. Bennett will return to Jacksonville Sunday night to continue his investigation.

SALMON GOING TO WASTE

Canneries on Rogue River Unable to Handle Big Run.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Thousands of fine chinook salmon are going to waste in Rogue river because of the inability of the two canneries to handle the offerings. The fish are coming in such schools that the boats stay out but a short time when they pull up their nets and have more than the limit placed upon the deliveries.

Several limits were made—first, as to fish, and, later, to pounds—as the fishmen threw away the small ones and delivered the larger fish, since it meant 12 cents for every pound. The last limit was made \$80 pounds and established Saturday last. The canneries are running short of cans.

DEATH IS STILL MYSTERY

No Solution Found for Slaying of Mrs. Alma Sampson.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 19.—Police announced today they were still unable to offer any solution of the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Alma Sampson of Seattle, whose body was found in a room in a hotel here early Tuesday. William Coleman, who had been held pending investigation, was released today, as was Fred Sanders, who had been held as a material witness.

Mrs. Sampson was killed by a blow from a blunt instrument, police said. Her husband, Charles Sampson, is a Great Northern Railway trainman.

RISE HELD INSUFFICIENT

Canyon City Phone Company Seeks Rehearing of Rate Case.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The Bradford telephone lines, of which C. A. Bradford is manager, yesterday filed with the Oregon public service commission application for a rehearing of the decision given by the commission on July 31, 1920, which relation to an increase of the corporation's rates.

It is alleged in the petition that the slight increase granted the company by the commission is insufficient to warrant a continuance of service. Headquarters of the company are at Canyon City, Grant county.

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SAFETY PINS CAUSE OF DIVORCE PLAIN

Husband Avers Wife Substituted Buttons on Clothes.

ANOTHER MAN INVOLVED

Mrs. Goedecke Said to Have Called Male Friend "My Dearest, Dearest Buddies."

The discovery several days ago that 75 safety pins occupied the strategic positions in the clothing of little Roy, Margaret and Preston Goedecke that buttons were supposed to fill, together with the announcement of Mrs. Rose Catherine Goedecke on August 19 that she loved another and would not give him up, brought Louis F. Goedecke into the divorce court, he avers in a complaint filed in the circuit court yesterday.

Goedecke is certain that his wife is infatuated with one Claude O. Dann, his complaint says. She would go riding with Dann and tell her husband at first that she was learning to drive and later that the machine was much more convenient than street cars, he declares. He charges that his wife caressed Dann and to break up their relations he sent her to California, where she met a C. W. Clyde, who later wrote her an affectionate letter from the east. When in California she wrote both Dann and her husband. "Friend Hubby" was the salutation in the letter to Goedecke. "My dearest, dearest Buddies" was the greeting in the letter to Dann, asserts Goedecke.

Carriages Declared Seen. On August 17, 1920, after her return from California, Mrs. Goedecke went to see Dann where he was employed in the building of a school house, says the husband. She took the children along but sent them on into Lents, it is asserted. The dog returned to the side of the wife, one of the youngsters went back to get the dog, and saw carriages of which the husband now complains, it is said.

Robert Green almost received a divorce Wednesday. He lost his chance yesterday after President of Circuit Judge McCourt had called the wife, Mrs. Hazel Green, into court and asked her few questions. Green is a petty officer on the North Dakota, stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y., and came to Portland on a furlough to get his divorce. He told the court Thursday that his wife was very quarrelsome and that he had never started a family row, though he occasionally would try to "pacify" her.

From his testimony, Judge McCourt was about to award him the custody of their two children, although Green appeared willing his wife should have them. He further determined the disposition of the youngsters to the best interests of all parties, the judge asked the wife to come into court yesterday.

Work Always Shirked. Under questioning of Deputy District Attorney Graham, Mrs. Green told of a woman by the name of Miller to whom she said her husband had paid attention under guise of a widower.

"How did he happen to go into the navy?" the court asked. "He was arrested for non-support and the judge told him he would either have to enlist in the navy or go to work," replied the wife. "He chose to go into the navy rather than work."

"He didn't like work?" "No, he never did." Divorce suits filed yesterday included: Edward H. against Amelia E. Picklin, F. Linda Fern against William Rodney Coulter, Marie F. against Martin Moeller, Carl W. against Mary Elizabeth Loop, Rose A. against James I. Moscow, and Anna against J. H. Hogan.

Naval Reservist Called.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Howard Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cooper, who enlisted in the navy while a student of Oregon Agricultural college, has been ordered to report at Bremerton navy yard for active duty.

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